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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

MURROW'S DISGUST

Edward R. Murrow announced shortly after he put on the show portraying the use of call girls in salesmanship by Big Business. that he is planning to depart from television "for a year." Everyone concerned says his departure had nothing to do with his having so rudely revealed some of the operations of our respectable business men.

But one thing is sure—Murrow repeatedly of late has been critical of the kind of a job TV is doing. Why our labor people aren't more critical of it seems odd. For the root trouble with TV and radio, too, is that its shows as well as its newscastings and comments are financed and controlled by business men who have only one purpose: to sell more of their product.

As Thomas Griffith says in his recent book, "The Waist-High Culture," "we have left the dissemination of culture in the hands of those who feel no ultimate duty beyond profit, and who sell the use of their Government-granted channels in little fifteen— or thirty— minute snippets to the highest bidder, with hardly a thought, except a commercial one, to the balance, proportion and quality of what they provide."

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

But why be surprised that labor people are not more critical of this? Why be surprised that business men are cynical in their sponsoring of the stuff that comes out of TV and radio? Why not spend a little time marveling at Eleanor Roosevelt?

Mrs. Roosevelt has now signed up to spiel for an oleomargarine. She goes on TV to tell people that a certain brand of this stuff is extra good.

This is inexcusable.

A YEAR OFF?

In this paper we have often expressed abhorrence of this whole custom of having VIPs lie on TV and radio, claiming that one brand or other of soap or cigarette or whatnot is better than another, when a person knows perfectly well the VIP thinks nothing of the sort.

But when Mrs. Roosevelt stoops to this, what is to be said or done?

Perhaps Murrow has the right idea. Take a year off. Or maybe a hundred years.

'Hard times dance' at Hayward Saturday night

Auto Workers 1031 is holding a "hard times dance" at Carpenters Hall in Hayward Saturday night of this week, and invites all interested to attend.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

United front for city wage move is formed

A united front of all unions with members working for the city of Oakland will be presented in wage negotiations—and there will be a demand that these negotiations be pressed hard and decisively before the April 21 election.

This was the gist of the recommendation made by the Central Labor Council executive committee and unanimously accepted by the delegates this week. A committee headed by Al Hansen, Electricians 1245, and Ed Reith, Municipal Employees 390, had reported the plan to both the CLC and the Building Trades Council.

Reith said later at the CLC meeting that his union was making a drive for membership among Oakland city employees with the aid of the CLC staff.

Chemical Workers win at Westvaco

Chemical Workers 62, which came close to striking Westvaco at Newark last week when negotiations bogged down, now have a contract, Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash reported this week. It provides a 5% wage increase, 3 weeks vacation after 10 years service, and Good Friday as an additional holiday. Ash and Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx assisted Joe Seane and a committee of the union in the negotiations.

Ash told the CLC delegates that Local 62, made up entirely of Westvaco workers, is one of the most loyal and determined unions he knows of; the men and officers stick together and win.

Ma Bell starving on \$981 millions

Violet Bogan, Communications Workers, told the Central Labor Council this week that negotiations with the gigantic Bell System for plant and traffic employees was proceeding with difficulty, as Ma Bell only made a profit of \$981 millions during the recession year of 1958, and consequently was so broke she was only offering tidbits such as a 4-week vacation after 30 years service, and a tiny pension increase.

Labor Council's tribute to memory of Galliano

When the Central Labor Council adjourned this week the members stood in silence for a time in tribute to the memory of Frank Galliano, who died recently. Galliano was for 20 years counsellor of the CLC, and had guided it through many problems, as well as having been attorney for many of the affiliated unions.



ANTI-UNION THUGS assaulted Hosiery Workers Organizer Robert D. Beame in a motel room in Franklin, N. C. where he was working on an organizing campaign at Franklin Hosiery Mills, subsidiary of Burlington Industries. He is shown in hospital.

BTC discusses city pay plans here as officers see Congress

With President Joseph Pruss and Business Representative J. L. Childers in Washington attending the building tradesmen's annual visit-to-Congress session, the Building Trades Council this week took up the proposal for united presentation to the Oakland City Council of wage demands.

Vice President Al Thoman presided. Bruce Dillashaw of the Cement Masons was acting business representative.

Secretary John Davy read the recommendations made by a committee of union officers who have members employed by the city of Oakland. This committee, headed by Al Hansen of Electricians 1245 and Ed Reith of Municipal Employees 390, had been presented the night before to the Central Labor Council.

The effort is to get all crafts, whether affiliated with the BTC or the CLC, united in an orderly presentation.

The committee recommended that the City Council be asked to set each year the pay of each craft in line with the wages paid in the area; and that a date for conference with the city be set, preferably before the COPE endorsements are given; and that a time table be set up which would result in the wage ordinance being adopted by June 1.

After some discussion, the matter was referred to the Board of Business Agents for detailed consideration.

During the discussion, J. L. "Blackie" Miller, Painters 127, said that all experience has shown that city employees are only interested in unions while their wages are being discussed with the city by the union; but that after the wage is won, they drop out of the unions.

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, said it would be a good thing to have negotiations carried on.

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U. S. stops gas station scabs

The long arm of Uncle Sam reached across the continent from Washington, D. C., to the Wilshire gas station at 23d avenue in Oakland this week, picked some scabs up by the scruff of the neck and put them back in the Naval Station.

Bill York of Teamsters Automotive Employees Local 78—formerly known as Garage Employees 78—had complained to the executive committee of the Central Labor Council that men of the Coast Guard and the Navy were working as scabs behind a picket line at the gas station.

The executive committee, acting on its established assumption that whether or not a union is affiliated with the council, it should be assisted if invasions of strikebreakers are made from any quarter, authorized Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash to take action.

Ash phoned the authorities in Washington. And then the authorities took action: No scabbing, please. Only there wasn't any please added.

CLC Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender reported to the council Monday night that the station had signed a contract with Local 78.

COPE building in districts; registry check

The Alameda County Council on Political Education (COPE) is building Assembly District branches steadily.

But it is urgent that more unions affiliate with COPE if the job of keeping union members registered is to be done thoroughly.

These facts were brought out at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week.

Bud Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546, told the delegates that the Machinists' political organization, which is not affiliated with COPE, feels that this matter of registration is so important that it is already toying with a somewhat vigorous idea.

This idea is, said Williams, that nobody would be admitted to membership in a Machinist lodge unless proof was presented that the applicant was registered.

Once the applicant was in, said Williams, of course he might fail to keep registered unless the lodge kept after him, but the initial requirement would make

SCHACHT, HANNEBERRY ENDORSED IN ALAMEDA

Richard Schacht, incumbent, and Cyril Hanneberry have been endorsed by COPE (AFLCIO Council on Political Education) for election as City Councilmen in the city of Alameda election to be held Tuesday, March 10.

the member realize how important keeping registered was considered by the labor movement.

Williams then got permission from CLC President Russ Crowell to ask Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash through the chair what steps COPE, of which Ash is secretary, was taking to insure full labor registration.

Ash replied that the problem was being grappled with, but that more unions should affiliate with COPE so there'd be more money to carry on the expensive work of keeping check on registration.

At this point Ash smiled, and suggested that the Machinists' political organization might wish to give some of its money to COPE.

Whereupon there was general laughter as Williams said he appreciated the skill with which Ash had wielded "the needle."

CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx before the meeting gave East Bay Labor Journal data on the progress being made organizing COPE branches in the Assembly Districts.

In the 17th Assembly District
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COPE WILL ELECT OFFICERS MARCH 10

Alameda County COPE Secretary Robert S. Ash announces that the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at the March 10 meeting.

HOW TO BUY

Invest in mutual funds?

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Reader J. W. S. (of Opa Locka, Fla.) recently was approached by a salesman who recommended mutual funds "as an investment for the working man as a hedge against inflation and a means of saving for retirement".

The salesman found himself up against a prospect who investigates before he invests. Mr. S. didn't just buy what the first salesman recommended, but compared the prospectuses of 14 different investment companies suggested by various salesmen. He found trying to select a mutual fund tough sledding. For example: "There is a great variance in the amount of commission charged, the method of charging for reinvestment of capital gains and dividends, and the penalties for quitting the program. Some of the funds that show the best growth seem to have restrictions that are quite unacceptable. Several of my fellow employees are in the same boat; in fact, some have already purchased."

In the first place, many moderate-income families recently have found that an even more suitable investment against inflation and towards retirement, is housing and other co-ops. This has been shown most dramatically in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area. There dozens of huge apartment co-operatives have been built recently with a combination of family investment, union funds and outside financing.

In a typical new non-profit housing co-op, families invest \$500 a room, with carrying charges of less than \$22 a month per room, or a total investment of \$2500 for a five-room apartment, and carrying charges of \$110. The families own their own apartments and the \$110 doesn't just go to a landlord. Part goes to pay off the mortgage, and the resident's equity in his apartment increases each month.

In some of the new housing co-ops, the member families then developed other types of associated co-ops, such as food co-ops and credit unions and ar-

rangements for buying household equipment and cars.

The reason for stressing this type of investment for wage-earners, is that sometimes union members have passed up chances to invest in housing co-ops sponsored by their own unions, because the idea is new to them. Then when they saw the building actually completed, they applied but found there were no more vacancies.

Mutual funds are a form of stock - market investment designed especially for smaller investors. Such investment protects against inflation. Prices of stocks rise as prices in general rise. In fact, a major cooperative - oriented life - insurance company, now also has its own mutual fund to provide a two-way hedge that will protect people against both inflation and deflation.

But also, there are periods of deflation or recession, when prices of stocks sink. In 1957, stocks lost 16 percent of their value. That might have been the year you needed your money for some urgent purpose. Thus it is unwise to invest in mutual funds or other stocks unless you have fairly good cash savings and equity in a home.

In mutual funds, a number of investors buy shares. The management takes this money and buys and sells stocks under professional supervision. This provides both diversification (all your money isn't invested in just one or two stocks), and also, experienced investment analysis. These are two advantages a small investor finds hard to secure on his own.

But the disadvantage is one that Reader J. W. S. smelled out: some mutual funds have high selling costs of about 8 percent. They have gotten into an expensive sales system. Many of their salesmen are well-informed, impartial specialists who do not try to hurry you into buying. But there also are some high-pressure salesmen who used to sell food-freezer plans, then got into the storm-window game when it was at its peak, and now are selling mutual-fund shares.

The sales costs are added on to the price you pay for the shares. If a mutual fund returns dividends of 3-5 percent, it thus takes about two years of dividends before you recover the cost of the sales fee or "load", as it's called in the investment trade.

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How to hang good pictures

A gallery authority, when interviewed by the National Association of Home Builders, gave the following suggestions for hanging pictures:

- The best picture should be made the focal point of the room.
- Avoid hanging glass-framed pictures opposite a window from which they might reflect light.
- Avoid hanging pictures over the fireplace or radiator. The heat tends to dry out the paint as well as the frame.
- Pictures should be hung high enough to clear the furniture as well as the heads of people when they are seated.
- To achieve a sense of unity, the center of all pictures should be hung at the same level in the room.
- Mixing periods of art makes for a more imaginative room.
- Frames should be kept simple and chosen to suit the individual picture. A trip to museums might provide some interesting ideas on framing.

Well-adjusted friends advised

Emotionally stable men usually marry emotionally stable women and raise emotionally stable children, who then repeat the cycle.

This theory and its converse, long upheld by most psychologists, have depressed many thoughtful persons critical of their own emotional development. Did they have a chance, short of psychotherapy, of breaking the chain of instability and entering the charmed circle of the well-adjusted?

A cautious "sometimes" was ventured recently by Dr. Allan Fromme, a psychologist and author of "The Parents Handbook." As a first step Dr. Fromme recommended the cultivation of wholesome friends.

"Try to surround yourself with well-adjusted people," he counseled. "You'll find that they are more interesting, more creative, more productive and more fun to live with than neurotic individuals." — *New York Times*.

Men, too, have variety

Men, too, care how they look. They care to the extent that they are expected to spend more than \$1,000,000,000 on personal grooming products and services, excluding clothing per year.

The American male's expenditures for grooming have been increasing rapidly in the last decade, along with the rise in the number of white collar workers. Also, the fact that many women have entered the business world in recent years has spurred men to look their best at work.

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Pamphlet has kitchen tips

A pamphlet outlining the energy-saving features of the Department of Agriculture's kitchen-workroom at Beltsville, Md., has been issued. The booklet outlines in text, sketches and photographs every nook and corner of the kitchen-workroom and explains how step-saving measures are best achieved in this room.

Although the experimental Beltsville project was designed primarily for older or physically handicapped farm women, there are many elements that apply to any housewife. The booklet describes the desired heights of equipment and storage cabinets and divides the room into a mix center, a sink center, a refrigerator center, a range center, a dining area, a laundry area, a planning center and a workroom storage area.

The pamphlet is available from the government agency. Working drawings, according to this source, can be obtained from most state agricultural colleges.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at Mountain View Cemetery will be held this year on March 29.

To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

DEMOCRATIC DIGEST in its current issue launches a special section, "For and About Women." This replaces the free monthly news letter about women's political activities which the Office of Women's Activities of the Democratic National Committee has been getting out for some years.

It is frankly explained that shortage of money has made it necessary to quit sending out the free news letter and to have the Democratic Digest take on the job. Incidentally, you can subscribe to the Democratic Digest by sending one dollar to Democratic Digest, 1106 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 6, D. C.

FRIENDS IN NEED—speaking of the party's money shortage—is the title Democratic Digest gives to one item in the new women's section. This item quotes part of a letter from Shirley Evans of an Idaho Democratic women's organization:

"In Sunday's paper we read that the Democratic national campaign debt was \$750,097.86. We immediately called a meeting and voted to send a check to Chairman Butler for \$97.86. This leaves our treasury nil, but another rummage sale and a food sale are just around the corner."

So after they did that the debt was only an even \$750,000.

WE'VE HEARD—and sometimes in angry letters to our editor—that not all labor women are Democrats. Some, we are informed, are great admirers of Eisenhower, Nixon, and Knowland.

Admirers of the said distinguished statesmen will not, however, we assume, be too annoyed by this little report on the doings of us ignorant folks on the wrong side of the tracks.

Childs' colors

Introduce children to color—preferably primary colors, such as red, blue and yellow—at an early age. Add orange to the family, but always be certain that the hue is clear and pure.

If the child's room has a profusion of doors, paint each one a different color. Try fire engine red for the floor and lemon yellow for the ceiling. Orange, blue, fuchsia, pink and royal purple are among the colors suggested for doors.

Percy's luck

"Mummy," said little Brian, "Percy can't learn to swim because his mother won't let him go into the water."

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"Yes," Brian replied thoughtfully, "he'll go to heaven the first time he falls in."

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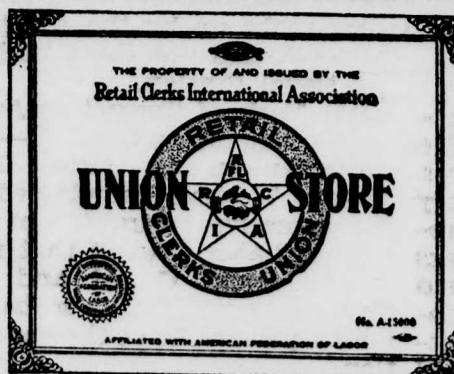
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20% of Painters in U. S. in Calif., State confab told

The 23rd Annual Conference of the State Conference of Painters was held in San Jose starting February 26, and concluding Sunday March 1. Some 103 delegates representing 65 unions and councils with a membership of around 35,000 were in attendance.

Much progressive legislation in the way of resolutions was acted upon by the delegates.

One resolution in particular called for an all out organizing program to bring into membership any employee having anything to do with the painting industry.

Many state, county, and local officials attended the sessions. General Secretary-Treasurer of the Brotherhood William Rohrborg rendered a report on membership etc., which was exceeding interest to the delegates. Rather unusual was his report that approximately 20% or one fifth of the entire membership of the brotherhood was in the State of California.

A stepper-up program under document No. 140 was also called for.

Delegates from the East Bay area included the following: Brothers Raznick, Slater and Vezey from Local No. 40; Rutledge, Stanley and Smilovitz, Local No. 127; Carstensen, Schoonmaker and Blodgett, Local No. 262; Smith, Zachary and Thompson, Local No. 376; Artega and Hammond, Local No. 560; Martin and Oliver, Local No. 741; Ceremello, Local No. 1101; Moore and Novak, Local No. 1176; Barstow, Fitzgerald and Stubblefield, Local No. 1178; Lane from Local No. 741; and Mountjoy from Local No. 1178 representing the District Council of Painters No. 16.

All incumbent officers including Rutledge from the 2nd District comprising the East Bay area were reelected with the following exceptions. In the Fifth District retiring Vice-President Sutherland was replaced by Bigarani, Local No. 19. Deceased Trustee Patrick replaced by Love, Local No. 507.

Trustee Vezey, Local No. 40 was reelected for a three year term.

The next convention city for 1960 was as usual left in the hands of the Executive Board who will meet the latter part of July.

ROBERT E. SARVEY, East Oakland City Council candidate from the Seventh District was awarded a life membership in the California Congress of Parents and Teachers Association at the Brookfield Founders' Day program.

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Carpenters say shorter hours rapidly becoming imperative

The following article was prepared for Carpenters 36 by Brothers Paul Hudgins, George Collins, and John King, and expresses the sentiment of Local 36's membership:

The average union man works day after day with a great burden of debt on his back. Today's high cost of living enslaves him and keeps him in constant fear of layoff or illness, fear of a bill-collector demanding a payment he can't make. When we speak to him of shorter hours, he automatically is reminded that he just needs more money, and there his thinking stops.

This is the greatest obstacle in the way of achieving a reduction in hours of work. It is not an argument against the shorter work-week. It is simply that when the subject is mentioned to a man burdened with debt his mind reverts to his imperative need for more money, and the only possibility of getting it seems to him to be to work more hours.

Responsible labor leaders and university professors and students doing research on labor relations, sociology, and economics, are unanimous in their opinion that no valid argument has yet been advanced against a reduction in hours of work. Obstacles and objections are recognized. These are a challenge but they certainly cannot defeat us nor stop the progress of the American worker.

Carpenters Local 36 calls attention to the February issue of The Carpenter magazine which gives facts and figures showing the absolute necessity for a re-

duction in hours of work. At the end of every recession industry has increased production above all previous records, but with fewer workers. Of two million laid off in the recession of a year ago, one million can never go back because their jobs were wiped out by automation. That recession was officially pronounced ended but unemployment remained high, with the figures of totally unemployed now above five million.

The same objections we hear today were used a hundred years ago against the move for a 10-hour day, were used against the 8-hour day fifty years ago, and

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Pension Laborites sendoff meeting

The various Pension - Labor Democratic Clubs of Alameda County will hold a send-off session for their twenty or more delegates attending the State Convention of clubs at Fresno, March 13, 14, and 15. This send-off meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 12, at the True Food Cafeteria, 308 - 14th Street, Oakland.

The meeting hopes to be honored by the presence of several members of the Legislature, and not necessarily confined to the Alameda County delegation. And also by that of Robert E. Nisbet, Attorney-Secretary of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District.

Court says Cross, head of expelled Bakers, was mistreated by McClellan

James G. Cross, president of the expelled Bakery & Confectionary Workers, has been acquitted on a charge that he lied to the McClellan special Senate committee.

Federal District Court Judge Richmond B. Keech ruled that the committee questions that led to the perjury indictment had nothing to do with its task of drafting labor legislation.

Cross was indicted for denying before the committee that he was present at the time of an alleged fight with union delegates at the B&CW's convention in San Francisco on October 21, 1956.

In dismissing the charge, Keech said "the power to investigate must not be confused with any powers of law enforcement."

Congressional committees, he added, "may not usurp the function of prosecuting attorney or of a committing magistrate in the guise of legislative investigation." — AFLCIO News.

Food prices up

The prices of food items in San Francisco averaged a little higher in January than in the preceding December, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The change amounted to an increase of 0.2 percent, bringing the food price index to 123.0 (Av. 1947-49=100), or 1.5 percent above its year-ago level, but below the peak reached last June.

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Lee, City Council candidate, served in the Korean war

Edward "Pete" Lee, candidate for the Oakland City Council has a record as a soldier in the Korean War.

Lee was born in St. Louis, Missouri; while still a small child, his parents moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi. Pete's father, Edward Lee Sr., opened a grocery store.

When Pete graduated from Bowman High School in Vicksburg, he was an honor student and a star basketball player. He enlisted and was shipped to Korea as a member of a combat infantry team. After being wounded Pete was sent to Nogoya, Japan, to recover; when he returned to his outfit in Korea, he was made a platoon sergeant. But Pete was wounded again and this time the war was over for this young man.

Pete came home; he was a Purple Heart amputee and a holder of the Oak Leaf cluster, 4 bronze service stars, the combat infantry badge and the Korean war medal.

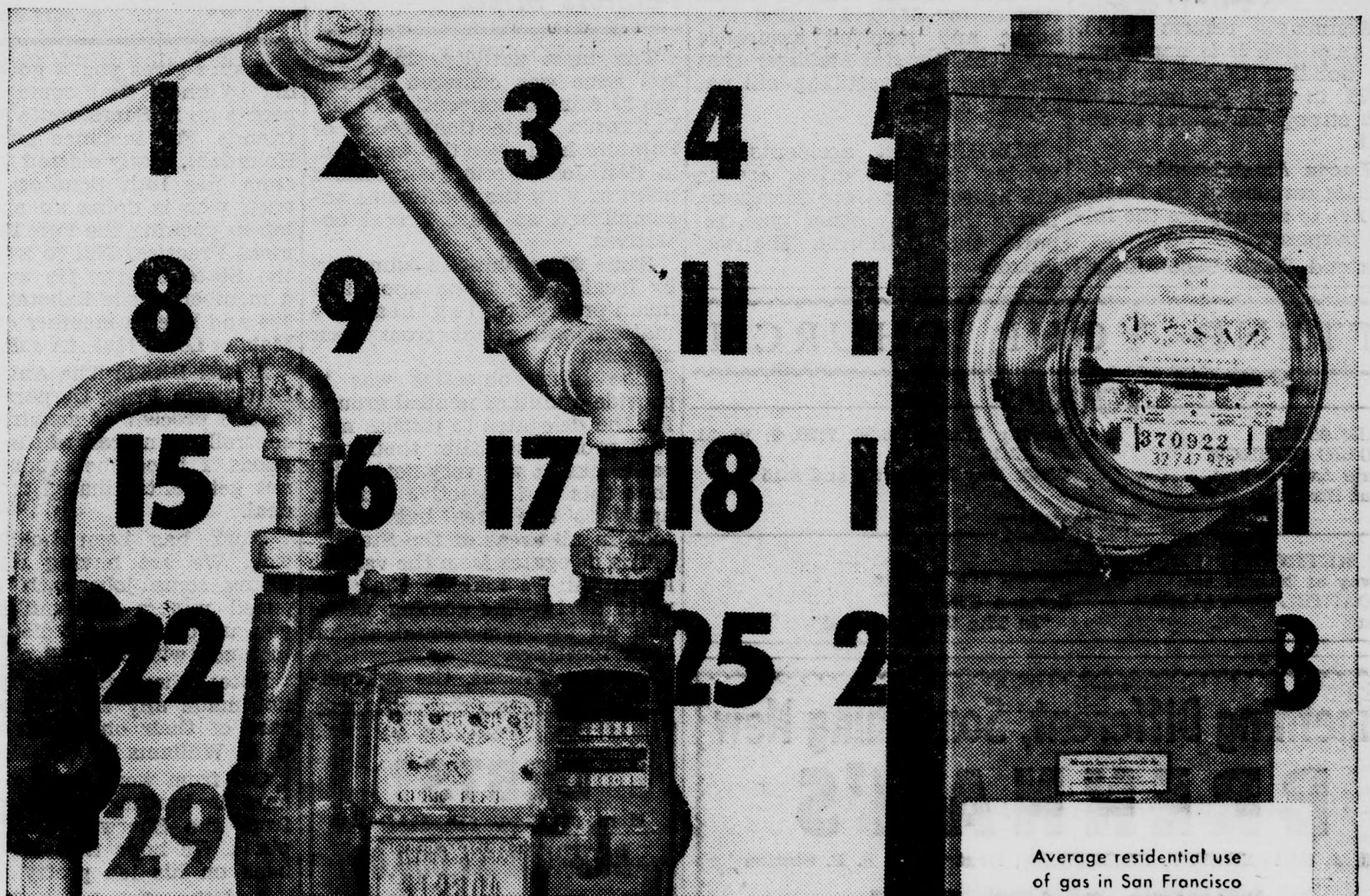
At Contra Costa Junior College he majored in political science; he graduated in 1954.

In 1954 Lee entered the University of California where he majored in political science and government. By 1957 he was graduated from the University of California, received his secondary credential and was practicing teaching in De Anza High School in Richmond, California.

His present assignment is at Oakland High School.

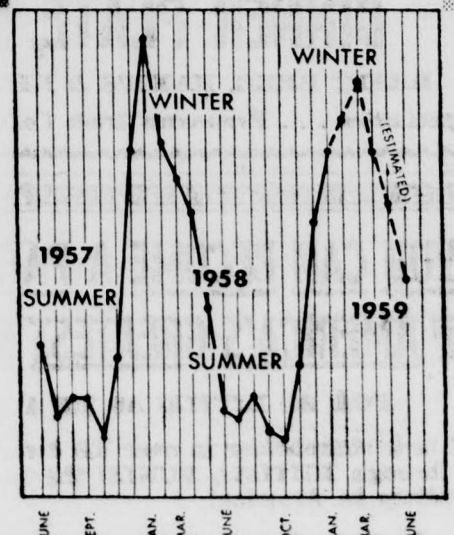
Lee is a Central Labor Council delegate from the Teachers Union.

Your meters make a pretty good calendar



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Winter makes extra work for most all your appliances. Even this winter, which is milder than usual, you're indoors more . . . using more heat, more lights . . . brewing more coffee, watching more TV and so on. And if your home is like most, you have more appliances this year helping you to live better. The chart at right shows how the use of natural gas, for example, goes up when the weather is colder and nights are longer . . . and why your P. G. and E. bill is higher. Of course, the unit cost of gas and electricity goes down as your use increases giving you even greater value for your utility dollar!



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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The executive board of this local union wishes to announce that there will be a stewards' meeting Thursday, March 26, at 8:00 p.m. in Hall "H" of the Labor Temple. All members of this union are cordially invited to attend this meeting. Arrangements have been made to have a representative of the Division of Safety in attendance, who will address those present. Also, there will be other speakers and a safety film will be shown.

Business Representative Lou Kovacevich has been attending the fifth national legislative conference of the Building and Construction Trades Department held in Washington, D. C. the past week. This is a very important conference from the labor standpoint and for general information, the following is a brief outline of what the Department has in mind:

Taft-Hartley Amendments

It is the purpose of the building trades to correct the most serious defects of the Act by the following measures:

1. Repeal Section 14 (b) so that "right-to-work" laws won't take priority over the Federal law allowing the 30-day union shop.
2. Legalize job site secondary boycotts.
3. Repeal mandatory injunctions against secondary boycotts.
4. Allow pre-hire agreements in the construction industry.
5. Permit seven day union shop in the industry.
6. Protect union's right to refer qualified men to jobs.
7. Protect union's right to insist on minimum training or experience for employment.
8. Protect union's right to insist on length of service as basis for job priorities.

Some of these amendments are contained in Title VI of Senator Kennedy's reform bill, known as S. 505. It is important to the building trades to keep Title VI in the Kennedy bill against strong sentiment to remove it.

Davis-Bacon Amendments

Realistic revision of the Davis-Bacon Act to accomplish the following purposes:

1. Extend Davis-Bacon to all

large construction assisted by the Federal Government.

2. Include fringe benefits in the prevailing wage.

3. Require overtime and premium pay practices to be followed.

4. Insure centralized enforcement in the Secretary of Labor and review by a new three-member Construction Appeals Board.

Construction Legislation

In addition, the Department seeks meaningful housing, school construction and airport aid legislation, with Davis-Bacon coverage under these programs.

Our next meeting will be held on March 19, at which time the election of Delegates to the California Pipe Trades convention, to be held April 10, 11 and 12 at the U. S. Grant Hotel in San Diego, will be held. Please arrange your affairs so that you can attend this meeting and be sure to vote. Voting will be held in Room 229, just around the corner from our offices. Be sure to bring your dues book.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

For the benefit of the members working in San Mateo County, we wish to advise that during the past month we did notify your employers that the three weeks' vacation provision of the contract became effective on March 1, 1959.

Those of you who have worked more than two years for your present employer will be entitled to an extra one-half day vacation for each year of continuous service, beginning with the third year, until a maximum of five additional days has been earned, which constitutes the third weeks' vacation.

Upon receiving a complaint that the CBS (Consumers Buying Service) Discount House in Concord, was advertising watch repairs for \$6.00, I visited this house and received assurance from the General Manager that this type of advertising will not appear again.

SINGLE CAR accidents involving only one driver are on the upswing and are increasing faster than any other type, reports the California Highway Patrol.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

All 1304 stewards, negotiating committeemen, and officers, please remember Saturday, March 21st and the joint stewards meeting.

Our 1959 negotiations will get under way, and as representatives of 1304 in your plants, you are the spokesmen of our members. That's Saturday, March 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Give us this day your intelligent thought, and yield not to temptation, but deliver to us your person. For thine is the power to make effective, or ineffective, this Union.

We attended the Labor-Management school at USF last week. Saw Harold Messinger of the Steelworkers there. Also Sam Caponio of the Painters, with Ted Kaufman and Manny Blasquez of the Teamsters.

We can't erase our personal feeling that Teamsters in Alameda County belong back in our Central Labor Council.

Truck drivers are people with money worries and family problems, just like you and me. Cooperation with local teamsters and Alameda County unions has always been beneficial to the worker on the job.

Our's is just a lonely voice crying out in a wilderness of unfavorable public opinion. A wilderness created by fear. A fear being taught to us by anti-labor publicity. In Oakland, we have only one daily newspaper, owned by the Knowlands who love us to pieces.

Isn't this fear of unions, the same type of fear taught to children by parents who fear people with different shaped eyes, or different colored skin?

Isn't it time we did our own thinking?

Painters Briefs

The most activity since our last issue was centered around the 23 Annual Convention of the California State Conference of Painters held over the weekend, in San Jose. From your scribes point of view the conference accomplished at least 2 real objectives.

Some 20 resolutions submitted by locals were acted upon and much progressive legislative matters will result from their adoption.

The other objective was to provide a kind of neutral ground for the delegates to discuss mutual problems within their own bailiwicks. It was very noticeable that this 2nd objective did not apply to one area but rather took in all areas of the State.

The delegates from the various locals will be making their reports during the coming weeks and all brothers should attend their meetings.

On negotiations, the subcom-

mittee, Downy, Bigarani, and Rutledge will probably call a meeting this week of the overall committee to act upon those matters referred to the committee to shape up in the new requests of labor. As reported our first meeting with the employers will be March 12 and labor will be all prepared at that time. More later.

Of general information to the brothers, the welfare office provides each local union and district council a monthly report of all earnings reported by the employer. By the time you read this article all earnings during the month of January, 1959, of each and every brother of every local will be in the hands of your office secretary and the business representative in your area. Each brother should check this report to see that the proper earnings have been reported by the employer. This is absolutely the only way you can be assured of receiving proper credits. Included in the report you will find not only the hours worked during January but also the total hours worked during the past year. These total hours will be summed up on the report for the month of December 1958. If you find a discrepancy in the actual hours worked and those reported by the employer your secretary or representative should and will take up the matter immediately.

Don't be too surprised if the matter of eligibility is not adjusted in the very, very near future.

As these notes are written on Monday the sun is beaming down, looks like spring may be early, old ground hog should be popping up, work should be booming and things do look a little more rosy. Thirty till next week.

—HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Paint Makers' 1101

By PETE CEREMELLO

It sure gives you a good feeling to know that some of the people up in Sacramento are our friends. For instance one John Holmdahl, newly elected Senator from the 16th Senatorial District, who is doing an excellent job in pushing the Fair Employment Practices Bill to a pass in the State Senate. He was once a member of the Laborers Local 304 and later a member of Paint Makers Local 1101. (A solid guy).

A BIG DEAL: The Anti-Labor Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation is in the process of acquiring the controlling interest of the S & W Foods. I hope the product does not get contaminated from the deal.

Work has been holding up well. We are having difficulty filling some jobs with experienced mixers and millmen. If you are out of work please keep in touch with the office.

Note: There are 17 who have not made any attempt to take care of their obligation on the C. K. Williams issue.

Off from work because of illness is brother Lyle McIntyre from the Sherwin Williams plant. We hope that he will be back on his job pretty quickly.

A victim of an injury is brother Fred Land, who works at the Sterling Paint Co. Get well soon Fred.

Don't forget your Special Meeting March 17, 1959.

Arrivederci.

Until next week.

Painters Dist. Council 16

By E. A. OLIVER

Now that election is over and the prognosis for labor is favorable, it is high time that we take the pulse of the construction activity here in East Contra Costa County where we live and work.

Wherever I travel throughout this great area I see signs of industrial expansion which directly affect the welfare of the Painters, Decorators & Paperhangers Brotherhood. To name a few, Shell Chemical, PGE steam plant, Columbia Steel, Union Carbide plant. The PGE steam plant will employ approximately at the peak of construction, sixty painters; the Columbia Steel will employ around forty, and the Union Carbide plant which is the smallest, about twenty-five.

We should not neglect to mention the many commercial and professional developments, such as shopping centers, bowling alleys, apartments, motels, office building and doctors and lawyers offices. Nor should we forget the many schools, the construction of which offers employment and when completed guarantees the proper education of our children. A good example is the Creative Arts addition to the Pittsburg High School.

Residential East Contra Costa county is in the throes of developing several new tracts ranging from one hundred to five hundred homes to the tract. At present most are in the model home phase of development, sampling the consumers' climate, with a few tract models preparatory to full scale commitment.

The single or several-house developments lie all around us; Danville, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Orinda, Rheem and Concord; Orinda and Lafayette are the busiest at the present time.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

You have for the most part, I expect, gotten your vacation fund reports in the mail. If there are any errors please report them to us for correction. Errors corrected before March 15th will be in the current check. Subsequent corrections will revert to next years fund.

Please apply for vacation fund checks about 30 days before you plan to take your time off, if possible. This will help us get your funds to you with a minimum of problems.

There will be a special called meeting of Local 36 on March 13, Friday to hear from the delegates who went to the State Council of Carpenters convention in San Diego.

This cost your local considerable in the way of expenses for the four of us and you might come down and inform yourself as to what happened through the eyes of those you sent.

The credit union reports a total so far of 108 members and they want more. Contact brother Paul Hudgins the Treasurer at your regular Friday meetings. This is for you by you and of you.

I might report that Chairman Walsh is home from six weeks in the hospital and about on crutches. We should see him around in a little while as he seems to be getting along fairly well.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held March 5, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

NOTICE! Change of Meeting Place!

Carpenters Local 1158 now meets in Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, two blocks east of San Pablo just off University Avenue.

All meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 36

A special called meeting is scheduled for Friday at 8:00 P.M. March 13, 1959, at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, California, for the reports of delegates from the California Carpenters convention.

The Stewards Committee will meet Wednesday at 8:00 P.M., March 25, 1959.

All brothers are again reminded that they should check their vacation slips and if found to be in error, bring the corrections to your Business Agent sometime before March 15, 1959.

You are also asked to apply for your vacation money, about one month before you intend to go on your vacation.

Please try to be in attendance at our special called meeting.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

SPECIAL NOTE:

Any member who has not applied for his last year's Vacation Plan must apply before March 31, 1959 or he could lose his money.

The Agreement Committee is still open for suggestions for changes in the new agreement.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, Mar. 5, at 8:00 p.m. Executive board meets 6:30.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

BAKERY DRIVERS 432

The next QUARTERLY MEETING will be held Tuesday, March 10, 1959, at 7:00 p.m. in Hall M, 3rd floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. As per by-laws, a penalty of \$5 will be imposed for non-attendance. Please be on time as no attendance cards will be given out after 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
LES BENHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Business Representative
JOE B. WANGBERG,
President

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove street, Oakland, on March 7, 1959, at 2:00 p.m.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

The following meetings are scheduled by Paint Makers 1101.

REGULAR MEETING: 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 17th, Hall "M" third floor, in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

SPECIAL MEETING: 9:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 17th, Hall "M" third floor in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. RE: Change in dues structure.

NOTE: These are two separate meetings: When entering the meeting be sure to pick up your attendance card and write your name and the date plainly on it. Give your attendance slip to the door man when you leave the meeting. This is the only way the Board has of knowing who attended the meeting.

Fraternally yours,
PETE CEREMELO,
Business Manager

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Our next meeting to be held Mar. 5, 1959, will be a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of acting upon Resolutions presented at the meeting of February 19, 1959. Also, the reports of the Officer's meeting and their recommendations will be given at this meeting. Please try to arrange your affairs so you may be present at this meeting.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Business Manager

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m., Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

Stewards' meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 has been changed to Monday, March 9 at the Labor Temple.

Vacation plan statements have been mailed. If you have not received yours report to the office at once, also report any errors or omissions and have them corrected.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 1959.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

A regular meeting coming up March the sixth, 1959. Again, the repetition of the statement that you should attend meetings whether regular or special.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT S. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Any member who wishes to submit changes in the bylaws of the Painters District Council No. 16 must submit them in writing to the council by March 15, 1959.

A reminder to any brothers who have not collected their 1957 vacation money: March 31, 1959, is the deadline.

Fraternally,
CLARENCE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

Fed: Some of farm strikers get only 30 cents per hour

The California Labor Federation issued the following statement from Sacramento:

With rates of pay as low as 30 cents an hour for grown men in some instances the urgent need for strong minimum wage laws which include agricultural workers is more clearly indicated than ever by the current strike of field workers in Imperial Valley according to spokesmen for the workers in that area.

The strike by members of United Packinghouse Workers Union, Local No. 78, was on February 27 in its fifth week and is in support of the union's demand for payment of packing shed rates on carrot packaging machines in the fields. The union claims these machines are actually "a packing shed without a roof."

Prior to the walkout of the field workers on January 29, the union had secured a ruling from Edward F. Hayes, Farm Placement Chief of the Department of Employment, that contract nationals from Mexico could not be used on this job. Such workers were employed on the machine in the Salinas area last fall but, according to Hayes, this was not authorized employment. The union has since requested U. S. Secretary of Labor Mitchell to disqualify Bud, Inc. from using Mexican nationals in any of its operations.

The strike, which began as a spontaneous walkout, is the first agricultural field strike in Imperial Valley in 20 years.

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Attacks on the Steelworkers countered by AFLCIO leaders

Statement by the AFLCIO Executive Council on the United Steelworkers of America:

The United Steelworkers of America shortly will enter into collective bargaining negotiations with the basic steel industry.

Even prior to the formulation of the union's proposals by its democratically elected rank and file Wage Policy Committee the industry is spreading widespread propaganda about a steel strike.

The steel union is not talking strike. Too many steel workers are now unemployed. The union is seeking to put its members back to work, not to create additional unemployment.

The United Steelworkers of America is seeking a fair and equitable settlement in the forthcoming negotiations—fair to the industry—fair to the workers—fair to the public.

In this objective, the AFLCIO pledges to the Steelworkers Union its fullest support.

Arizonan director of Teamo Dairymen

The Western Conference of Teamsters announces that George S. Sebestyen, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters' Sales Drivers and Helpers Local 274 in Phoenix, Arizona, and president of Joint Council 71, has been named director of the Western States Dairy Council. The appointment is effective immediately and Sebestyen's headquarters will be in the Western Conference offices in San Francisco.

John I. Silva, secretary-treasurer of the Dairy and Creamery Employees Local 304 of San Jose, California was named secretary-treasurer of the Council.

Sebestyen is a veteran of more than 20 years in the Teamsters' Union and has been president of the Arizona Joint Council since 1948.

Manifold printing shops sign pact

Hectic negotiations resulting in a contract between Pressmen 125 and Moore Business Forms, UARCO, and Standard Register, manifold printers, were reported on at the Central Labor Council this week by CLC Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender and Fred Brooks, secretary of Local 125.

The agreement provides a 32-cent hourly package, and a 35-hour week.

The delegates laughed when Hellender said one member of the union, dissatisfied because not absolutely all of the original demands were fulfilled, asked, "How's a man going to work 35 hours a week, and then live on only \$121?"

Stokes organizing county's teachers

Edward "Pete" Lee, Teachers 771, announced to the Central Labor Council this week that the union now represents all union teachers in Alameda County, except in San Leandro and Berkeley, where there are separate locals.

George Stokes, president of Local 771, is now on half time in the Oakland school system, said Lee, so that he can devote half time to organizing the teachers in the county.



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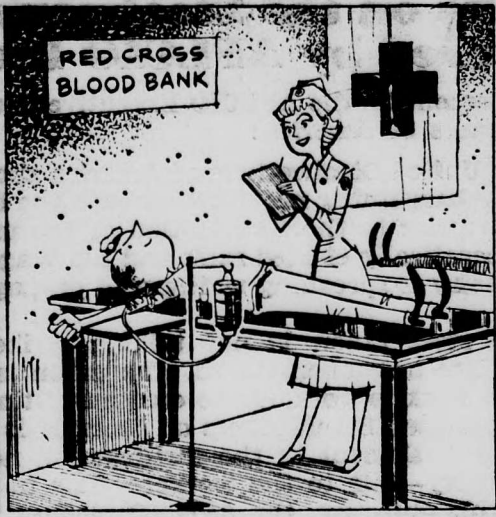
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Glenn and Pat are standing pat, they want us to know!

From Lieutenant Governor Anderson's office comes the following press release:

In an unprecedented display of unity in California politics Lt. Governor Glenn M. Anderson came out four square in support of Governor Brown's labor program. Anderson, speaking before the annual convention of the State Council of Carpenters at San Diego on February 19, stated, "Governor Brown told the people of California during the campaign that the 'right to work' proposal was bad and that it was designed to wreck responsible trade unions. At the same time he promised he would try to insure that the overwhelming number of honest union officials would not be hampered by those few who have not chosen to be part of responsible trade unionism."

Anderson added, "the corrective legislation which Governor Brown has offered will, in the long run, strengthen the labor movement by removing those conditions that now exist that are constantly used to the discredit of all labor."

The time has come under the leadership of a governor that is friendly to labor, through legislation passed by a legislature which is also friendly to labor—to enact laws eliminating the future possibility of a selfish handful bringing discredit to the entire labor movement."

Continued Anderson, "I feel that those trade union leaders, who truly believe in a strong, vibrant and democratic trade union movement, when they fully consider and realize the friendly legislative atmosphere in Sacramento, will see that the proposals will not hurt responsible unionism."

Beirne tells Ike he is 'misguided'

Robert Rivers, Communications Workers 9490, calls attention to the following:

The Cabinet Committee on Price Stability for Economic Growth, appointed recently by President Eisenhower, is viewed by Communications Workers of America as "still another misguided substitute for action" from the White House.

In a statement submitted to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, CWA President J. A. Beirne also labeled the new committee as "a political ruse" providing a platform where "unwarranted price increases and the continuing high levels of unemployment and economic stagnation" will be explained away.

What is needed now from the President is not a study, but rather a statement of this nation's economic goals and specific recommended actions to accomplish these goals, according to the CWA statement.

Secretary of Labor discusses plight of State farm workers

By GEORGE L. RICE

Following is the first of two instalments of an important interview in California with Secretary of Labor Mitchell:

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell was greeted by more than 200 UNITED PACKING-HOUSE WORKERS OF AMERICA members as he arrived at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles recently. The UPWA pickets carried banners, all obviously hand made, urging "justice for American farm workers", "work for UPWA Local 78 members in Imperial Valley", "give farm workers a living wage", and similar slogans. Purpose of the demonstration was to dramatize the sorry plight of American farm labor, with its seasonal unemployment, starvation wages, total lack of social legislation and competition from imported Mexican "Braceros".

In Los Angeles to address the National Conference on Farm Labor Services, Mitchell held a press conference which was well attended by representatives of the daily press, wire services, TV and radio news services — and this reporter, the sole representative of organized labor.

In commenting on the extension of the Fair Labor Standards Act to farm workers, the Secretary advised that the Eisenhower Administration has urged extension of the Act to "uncovered workers", notably in the retail industry.

"The farm problem is different, however," he stated. "The present minimum wage is too high for farm workers. Accordingly, we have embarked on a study to provide an accurate and complete appraisal of the entire wage and hour question in agriculture. When this study is completed, by the end of the year, we will be in a position to determine a proper rate for farm workers. We hope the congress will act upon the proposals we will then offer to them."

"The farm worker is the forgotten man so far as social legislation is concerned," declared Secretary Mitchell. Yet, when pressed by his questioners on the application of unemployment insurance benefits for farm workers, Mr. Mitchell "refused to speculate" as to when such benefits may be forthcoming.

In commenting on the question of determining the prevailing rate which is paid the imported farm worker—a particularly sore point in California—the Labor Secretary said the rates were determined by the state department of employment. When asked for details as to how the state agency determines such rates, he declared: "State employment agencies can't conjure up a rate. They must find out what has been paid, or what will be paid in a given agricultural operation, then certify this as the prevailing rate."

When further pressed, he admitted that the state agencies take the word of the farm employers as to what constitutes the rate. This means, it was finally established, that when

rates are set for work in harvesting a crop, such as tomatoes, in advance of the picking season, the state employment agency actually determines the prevailing rate to be what the employers are offering to pay when the harvesting operation actually commences.

"The unions have failed miserably in this area by failure to organize the farm workers and then have a voice in the establishment of the wage rates through collective bargaining," he commented, in response to a question from this reporter. When it was pointed out that strikes of California farm workers have been broken by the use of imported Mexican "Braceros", assigned to replace strikers with the full knowledge and consent of state and federal labor agencies, he declined further comment.

In commenting on other labor matters, Mr. Mitchell ventured a guess that congress will not pass the \$1.25 minimum wage bill presently before it. "Congress may extend the coverage of the act," he stated, "and this, to me, is more desirable than a higher minimum."

Dellums says undercover plots against FEPC are getting out in the open

"Undercover schemes to load the pending FEPC legislation with crippling amendments in the State Senate are now out in the open" declared the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices in a statement which praised the Assembly for "standing firm in its 65 to 14 vote to adopt A. B. 91 without change."

Assembly Bill 91 is patterned on the fair employment practices laws in effect in New York and 12 other states.

"Efforts to maneuver the Senate into adopting crippling amendments to A. B. 91 are now out in the open," said C. L. Dellums, state chairman of the Committee.

All subversives but me and thee?

Art Hellender talked at one of the local high schools on invitation of a member of the Teachers Union, and was surprised by some of the questions asked.

The Central Labor Council assistant secretary said one of the girls asked if he thought the Girl Scouts was subversive. He wondered why this was asked, and then remembered that some time back, on complaint of the American Legion, the Girl Scouts, felt it necessary to delete references to the United Nations from their preamble.

Miller speaks for bill on education

Congressman George P. Miller appeared before the General Education Subcommittee of the House Education & Labor Committee to testify for the Murray-Metcalf proposed School Support Act. Miller has introduced a companion bill, HR 2351.

Miller said in part:

"In economic terms, the Murray-Metcalf bill, when in full operation will mean one percent of our gross national product—\$4.7 billion out of GNP of \$450 billion (which will probably be higher four years from now when the bill will first go into full effect).

"We often pride ourselves on the high American standard of living. The time has come to include our children in the benefits of our wealth and prosperity. Teachers will benefit from this measure also and I believe the time has come for them to share in the benefits of living in a free and wealthy society. We have too long depended on their charity and dedication."

Cohelan bill on service oustings

"Revision of standards for reviewing certain kinds of less than honorable discharges from the Armed Services is long overdue," Congressman Jeffery Cohelan of Berkeley stated in Washington.

"Young men who have been 'fired' from the military for relatively minor offenses are often hampered throughout their lives, even though they run up a good record in later years," he said.

Congressman Cohelan has introduced a companion bill, H. R. 4495, to provide that the Board of Correction of Military Records shall give consideration to evidence of good character and exemplary conduct in civilian life in determining whether or not to correct less than honorable discharges.

Petris is urging Brown safety plan

Nicholas C. Petris, Assemblyman, 15th District, has kicked off for Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown's traffic safety program by introducing two bills.

The first bill would extend the power of the courts to suspend drivers' licenses "upon a finding that the violation has involved the operation of a vehicle without ordinary care for the safety of persons or property . . ."

The second bill provides that any person who drives a vehicle in a careless manner and at such a speed or in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger persons or property is guilty of a misdemeanor. It provides, in the event of such a finding by the court, imprisonment of not less than five nor more than 90 days or a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, or both.

Hutcheson warns 'right to work' war isn't ended

A warning to California Labor that it will face another battle on right-to-work in two or four years was on record from Maurice A. Hutcheson, general president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America, the nation's largest construction union.

President Hutcheson, on a business visit to the West Coast, was the principal labor speaker before the 31st annual convention of the California State Council of Carpenters, one of the largest craft groups in the State, in San Diego recently.

Other speakers were C. J. Haggerty, Secretary of the California Labor Federation, who reviewed legislative processes; Kenneth Davis, Portland, labor coordinator of the Northwest Lumber Industry, recently returned from an International Labor Office session in Geneva; Earl Hartley, executive secretary of the Western Conference of Lumber & Sawmill Workers; Paul Rudd, executive secretary of the Washington State Council of Carpenters; and John F. Henning, new director of the California Department of Industrial Relations.

"The Carpenters of California are to be congratulated for their part in defeating the so-called right-to-work measure, which would have turned back the hands of the clock," Hutcheson told the 300 delegates and members of the Ladies Auxiliary at a joint session. "But it is to be hoped that the success will not give you a false sense of security."

"I am reminded of the challenge of a complacent attitude by a sentence appearing in the January, 1959, issue of Nation's Business — the official publication of the United States Chamber of Commerce. It appeared in an article titled 'Right to Work—Bigger Battle Coming.' And I quote the significant sentence:

"In California, some of those who were behind the losing effort are planning another referendum in two or—to allow time for more educational work—in four years."

"I want to emphasize the phrase 'to allow more time for educational work.' You know what this means. They are really going to lay it on over the next four years. So if you only sit back and take satisfaction in what you did in 1958, get ready for the roof to fall in. That would be the reward of apathy—the automatic punishment for looking backward when you should be looking ahead."

"We must prepare, and start now, to meet another onslaught here and in other states in the next four years. We must boost attendance at Local Union meetings. We must enlist the support of everyone in our families, our associates and the public at large."

"Restrictive legislation or any other factor which has an adverse effect on the mission of the Brotherhood—or Labor as a whole—also work contrary to the public interest and should be of deep public concern."

President C. R. Bartolini of the California State Council of Carpenters, who arranged the visit in cooperation with Executive Secretary Harry J. Harkle-road, presided at the session.

President Hutcheson was accompanied by Joseph F. Cambiano, San Mateo, general executive board member for the 8th District.

KTVU-TV CARRIES LABOR SHOW SUNDAYS 1:15 P. M.

The AFL-CIO's television program, "Americans at Work," is now being telecast over station KTVU-TV at 1:15 p.m. every Sunday.

More unions asked to join COPE, help get registration

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Gus Billy of the Textile Workers is chairman, and Lucille Brock of the Cleaners is secretary. Regular meetings are on the last Wednesday of each month, but during the current campaigns the organization is meeting on call from the chairman.

In the 13th Assembly District at a meeting held February 11 nominations for office were made, to be voted on at a meeting March 11 in Hayward Cooks Hall. Virgil Brunstedt, Carpenters 1622, was nominated for president, with no opposition.

Norman Amundsen, Electricians 1245, and Ed Falkowski, Electricians 595, were nominated for vice president.

Jo Edwards, Offset Artisans, and Andre LaRoche of the Painters were nominated for secretary-treasurer.

For trustees, three to be elected, the following were nominated: Floyd Attaway, Culinary 823; Al Chamorra; Paul Fleishman, Butchers 120; Andrew Swanson, Painters 1178; Gustave Toensing, Carpenters 1622.

For the executive board, eight to be elected, the following were nominated: Marv Edwards, Painters 127; Ed Lugo, Metal Polishers 128; Don Finnie, Butchers 120; Marius Waldal, Carpenters 1622; Floyd Attaway, Culinary 823; John Andrews, Electricians 595; Paul Fleishman, Butchers 120; Mel Glanz, Communications Workers; Andrew Swanson, Painters 1178; Daisy May Iselin, Culinary 823; Harry Alexander, Food Clerks 370; Joe Seane, Chemical Workers 62; Robert Ottesen, Culinary 823; Buster Brooks, Cement Finishers; Wayne Hultgren, Carpenters 36.

In the 15th Assembly District, a committee to work for the election of COPE-endorsed candidates has been set up. Groulx said, with George Collins, Carpenters 36, as chairman, and Howell Frazier of the same union as co-chairman and precinct coordinator, and with James Forsyth, Auto Workers 1031, as secretary-treasurer.

The executive board is made up of Leon Watson, Elizabeth Mackin of the Food Clerks, and Wilma Frazier of Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265.

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BTC weighs plan for united showing to city on wage rate

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ried on with both city and county at about the same time.

Joseph Hightower and Louis Wilson of Carpenters 36, and Dan Guzzi of Carpenters 1622 said that Miller's point was well taken, that this had undoubtedly been the experience of many unions.

Anders Larsen, Carpenters 36, said there are some city employees who have unpaid union fines marked up to their names.

It was pointed out that in the Valley, where fines had been levied for failure to conform to union rules, some men had simply gone non-union, and that this had added to the troubles in that region.

SHORTER WORK WEEK?

This led to a general discussion of the current rate of unemployment and its impact on the unions.

Larsen mentioned an article in the Carpenters magazine, which stated that at least a million of those now unemployed would not go back to work at their former jobs or trades, as automation had made the work of many formerly unemployed unnecessary.

Thoman cited figures showing that over the year 65% of the unemployed had been skilled craftsmen.

Hightower mentioned the talk of the 35-hour week as a partial solution to the problem. Roe remarked that all crafts working 40 hours now should be careful about making long term contracts at that number of hours, as this might embarrass other crafts seeking the shorter week.

Ed Falkowski, Electricians 595,

said one danger was that if the week were made shorter, some workers would seek part-time jobs and thus cancel the gains made for the unemployed. The rule must be: One man one job!

Wilson felt that such ideas were spread by contractors rather than by those looking at it from the union angle. But Falkowski said if contractors or any others were calling attention to the taking of part time jobs by men working shorter hours, they were simply calling attention to something that all know is happening already.

COPE CONFERENCE

Notice was received from James L. McDevitt, national COPE director, that the 1959 area conference for California will be held April 7-8 at the Grant Hotel, San Diego.

SANDIA PLANT

Leroy Barstow, Painters 1178, said that a recent meeting to discuss organization of the Sandia plant near Livermore had been a good one, and that another would be held soon.

Barstow said that, to his knowledge, \$2.87 an hour was the top wage paid to any craft there, and that painters were getting \$2.75, and laborers \$1.91.

TRIBUTE TO GALLIANO

The council adjourned out of respect to the memory of Frank Galliano.

CLC delegate

Edna Vice, San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild Local 52, was obligated as a delegate to the Central Labor Council by President Russ Crowell.

Carpenters say shorter hours rapidly becoming imperative

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against the 5-day week some thirty years ago. If any argument against reduction in hours is valid, then it is equally a valid argument for a longer work-week at the same weekly pay.

Some would hold two jobs. Some already do, not because the hours of work are too short, but because the cost of living is too high. Many a man burdened with debts and wishing to give his family more of the good things of life would work 16 hours a day, seven days a week if he could, and would kill himself off or seriously damage his health and shorten his life. That is a horrible way to live and can never be a part of Labor's program. Certainly it is no argument against a reduction in hours.

Carpenters Local 36 Educational Committee points out that a reduction in hours is inevitable, it is coming. The question facing Labor in this area is whether we are going to take the lead and fight for it, or wait until we get it automatically merely by virtue of being the tail of the dog that fights for it and wins.

We have progressed for thousands of years and Labor in America has overcome formidable obstacles without being stopped. There's no reason to stop now. The demand of the day is for a shorter work-week with no reduction in weekly pay. Spread the work and increase purchasing power for the improvement of the entire American economy. LET THE BAY AREA TAKE THE LEAD!

Printing Trades Council of East Bay Cities now includes Richmond Typos

C. Roy Heinrichs, secretary of the East Bay Cities Allied Printing Trades Council, announces that the council's jurisdiction has been extended to include Richmond, El Cerrito, San Pablo, El Sobrante, and Rollingwood.

Richmond Typographical Union now belongs to this council, the Richmond Allied Council having been dissolved, all of its constituent unions except the Typographical one having merged with Oakland locals.

Nurses' training urged by Cohelan

"America faces a serious shortage of college-trained nurses. Over 90 percent of our on-duty, graduate nurses lack academic degrees," Congressman Jeffery Cohelan of Berkeley said in Washington.

Because of the immediacy of the problem, Congressman Cohelan said he has joined in introducing legislation to provide federal grants and scholarships for collegiate education in the field of nursing.

Tickets for 'Pete' Lee party at the CLC office

Charles Garoni, Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290, announces that tickets for the theater party at the Jack London Theater March 20 are available at the Central Labor Council office.

The proceeds go to the benefit of the campaign to elect Edward "Pete" Lee of the Teachers Union to the Oakland City Council.

JOHN W. HOLMDAHL, State Senator from Alameda County, has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the State Senate. This standing committee concerns itself with the basic laws contained in the Civil, Civil Procedure, Probate, and Penal codes.

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Union's position on the labor bill stated by AFLCIO

Following is the gist of a statement made by the AFLCIO Executive Council on pending labor legislation in Congress:

We most strongly believe that the Kennedy-Ervin Bill should contain, as it does, certain long overdue revisions in Taft-Hartley which enjoy general support and are urgently needed to relieve workers and unions from gross injustice.

In this category fall elimination of the infamous disenfranchisement of economic strikers in Labor Board elections, provisions needed to reconcile Taft-Hartley with long established hiring and collective bargaining practices in the building and construction trades, prehearing elections and a redefinition of "supervisors."

Some of these changes were proposed long ago by Senator Taft; and most, like the other Kennedy-Ervin proposals, were in the bill which passed the Senate overwhelmingly last year.

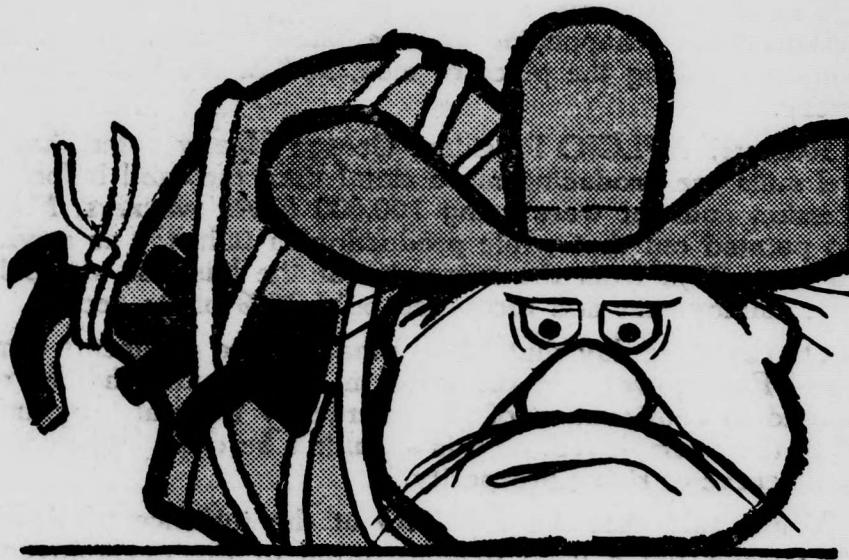
We express our considered conviction that opposition this year to these proposals can only play into the hands of those who want punitive anti-labor legislation or into the hands of those corrupt elements who want no legislation at all in this field.

At the same time we recognize that some Taft-Hartley amendments, including many which we regard as wholly warranted, completely justified and urgently called for, are quite controversial.

A clear example, of course, is Section 14 (b), which encourages the infamous so-called "Right-to-Work" laws. While we know justice to be on our side, we recognize that this is an extremely controversial issue.

We have in the interest of speedy enactment of reform legislation, agreed to the separation of controversial and highly technical issues from those covered in Kennedy-Ervin on the assurance that these remaining complex or controversial issues will likewise be considered at this Congress.

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Labor's reform campaign reaches slowdown point

Actions taken—and still more those not taken!—at the session of the AFLCIO Executive Council in San Juan make it plain that President Meany and his fellow reformers in the big federation are sorely puzzled. The one thing we can reasonably hope is that their temporary standstill isn't the first stage of a disastrous retreat.

James R. Hoffa was standing on the sidelines hoping that Maurice Hucheson of the Carpenters would be removed from his post as an AFLCIO vice president for refusing to meet with his fellow members of the Executive Council and explain, face to face, certain matters. But obviously the Executive Council, including the redoubtable Meany himself, decided it would be foolish to run the risk of the Carpenters withdrawing from the federation and becoming the co-nucleus of a rival federation led by the ineffable Hoffa.

During the session the International Longshoremen's Association, expelled as corruptly led years ago by the old AFL, asked permission to come back into the fold. This request seemingly is to be given serious consideration. Here again the shadow of Hoffa looms, as Hoffa has persisted in honeying up to both the ILA, thrown out of the old AFL for corrupt leadership, and the ILWU on this coast, thrown out of the old CIO for alleged domination by Communists. So absolute refusal to consider the ILA's request for reaffiliation might speed Hoffa's moves to get Teamsters, ILA, and ILWU into a tight combine.

At the moment, then, Hoffa seems to have outmaneuvered or outlucked the reform forces in the AFLCIO. His real problem is that of dealing with the court-appointed monitors who were recently confirmed by the Federal Court in their determination to make Hoffa do some real cleaning up or else get out.

The fact that even so resolute a fighter as George Meany is at least temporarily stymied and that those of us who are with him in the reform struggle must rely on the courts to get the ball rolling again should remind us that organized labor is, after all, part of organized society. With all our tendency to bluster that we are and should be a completely independent entity, we're not. We're just not.

The machine that eats jobs

A recent dispatch from Cambridge, Mass. began as follows:

"The Air Force announced today that it has a machine that can receive instructions in English, figure out how to make whatever is wanted, and teach other machines how to make it."

This sort of news, which keeps bobbing up in the press, explains what's happening on the unemployment front. Machines are taking the place of men, and at the fastest rate in history.

Recently AFLCIO President George Meany noted that the steel mills are producing more metal than they did before the recession and yet were using 100,000 fewer workers. Meany also pointed out that while production in industry as a whole had risen 76% from the low point of the business slump last May, employment had recovered only 26% of its decline.

On the same day that Meany made those comments a man named Eisenhower told the press in Washington that he was opposed to continuation of the emergency Federal program of aid to the unemployed, as this shouldn't be done "when we're on the curve of rising prosperity."

When told that the AFLCIO at the instance of Reuther was considering a mass demonstration of the unemployed in Washington this man Eisenhower made the sneering remark that he didn't believe the labor men "on the sunny beaches" of Puerto Rico (where the federation's Executive Council was meeting) would bother to do such a thing.

Meany's suggestion that apparently the only thing the Administration has in mind is to "shoot 10 percent of the workers," and that, incidentally, it wasn't "any damn business" of this man Eisenhower as to where labor's leaders met to confer, was in our opinion highly appropriate.

Democracy in action

This week the building trades were holding their legislative conference in Washington, buttonholing Representatives and Senators in Congress, and expressing their ideas on what legislation is needed. This is democracy in action.

But wait until you hear all the things the NAM et al will have to say about it!



Put the Strike on Page One

PUBLISHERS' BIG BARREL

Many years ago a tramp printer wandered into a country printing office and found the owner perched on a high stool with a green eye-shade low on his brow, laboriously setting type by hand out of a huge barrel. This type in the barrel was a conglomeration of all sizes and families, all mixed together.

The amazed tramp printer asked:

"That's an awfully slow way to set type, ain't it, mister?"

"Yup," was the response, "but, gosh, you oughta see me distribute!"

I believe publishers today are somewhat prone to do like the country printer. They have been dumping all their problems—high production costs, increased competition from other media of communication, and real and fancied labor-management disputes—into one big barrel, and then trying to pick out the solutions to these problems as slowly, as painfully and as unrealistically as the country printer of our story. — **Elmer Brown, general president, International Typographical Union.**

San Quentin editor

A new editor in any city likes to make a brilliant start with an editorial that sweeps him into popularity with his readers. He must get off to a good start and hold the reader interest. A large circulation means more advertising for the newspaper. It means Mr. Editor will stay on the pay roll.

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The more than 5,000 inmates receive free copies delivered to their cells and honor blocks. Other papers go to officials and people directly connected with the prison. There is a mail-out to other institutions in exchange for their penal offering. The paid subscriptions go all over the world. They are ordered by friends or relatives of the inmate, and and outsiders interested in prison life. — **San Quentin News.**

OPINIONS

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LABOR MAN SAYS GIVE BROWN TAX PLANS A HEARING

Editor, Labor Journal:

Though we who labor do not look upon additional consumer taxes with too much regard, we nonetheless, cannot bury our heads in the sand unrealistically about the progress and needs of the great State of California.

Governor Brown has come out with tax increase requests and programs that are bold and forthright. For this uncaptive approach I still admire and support him just as enthusiastically as before November 4, 1958.

I am sure that if Mr. Knowland had succeeded in his bid for the Governor's chair we would still have had these taxes and more. However, I am of the opinion they would have been offered to the constituency on a piecemeal basis, thus enshrouding from public awareness the true impact of these same taxes. This would also diminish the obviousness of the needs and urgencies that now exist.

On February 12, 1959, an article published in the Oakland Tribune stated that State Legislative Analyst A. Alan Post recommended to our law-makers a \$127,700,000 slash in our budget spending. Just one year ago, on February 6, 1958 in the Oakland Tribune an article appeared saying this same analyst, A. Alan Post, predicted a \$225,000,000 tax increase.

This prediction is only about \$25,000,000 less than that which Governor Brown proposed. Yet in one year Mr. Post takes off on a new tack and tells the legislators for whom he works, that the Budget can be pared by almost \$128,000,000.

Incidentally, the 1958 article did mention the fact that Mr. Post agreed with then Governor Knight, that it was not the time to increase taxes. With Mr. Knowland and the despicable Proposition No. 18 still ringing in our ears, we need not be reminded that 1958 was an election year. But it might not be a bad idea to examine what could be

just a bit of partisan analyzing in Sacramento.

Labor, in its effort to facilitate better legislation in regard to labor laws and taxation must always remember what might have been if Proposition No. 18 and its sponsor had been successful in 1958.

In closing, I must admonish those who would castigate. The present administration is only a couple of months old, but has already made its presence felt. Let us be fair and openminded, examine carefully the thoughts, and efforts of those who govern for us. To discredit them now would certainly make us vulnerable in another four years. Let us protect with faith, the many long hours that thousands voluntarily gave in the last election.

Fraternally yours,
LESLIE H. ESTES,
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THOSE 'SPENDERS'

A summary contrasting the budget requests of the Eisenhower-Nixon Administration with the money approved by Congress shows that the law-makers have saved the taxpayers almost \$23 billion below what the Eisenhower-Nixon "team" wanted to spend. From fiscal 1954 through fiscal 1959, the President asked Congress for approximately \$437 billion. Congress cut this to some \$414 billion. (The survey was printed in the Congressional Record, page 1920, Feb. 9, 1959.) — **COPE.**

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SORRY FOR US

It is my conviction that the human race is no proper target for harsh words and bitter criticisms, and that the only justifiable feeling toward it is compassion; it did not invent itself, and it had nothing to do with the planning of its weak and foolish character. — **Mark Twain.**

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SALES TAX

A tax that fines the poor for the crime of poverty. — **United Paper.**